

Appendix 2: Analysis of public representation

Full Name	Organisation (if applicable)	Do you have any comments about the draft Conservation Area Character Appraisal?	Do you agree or have any comments on the recommendations set out in the management plan?	Council Response
Ross Miller		Overall this is a very good assessment of the conservation area & matches very closely with my views	<p>I fully agree with</p> <p>a) the extension of the area to incorporate both the Black Walnut & grassed area at the Charlton Green end of Dour St & the Police Station on Park Place.</p> <p>b) the proposed implementation of an Article 4 Direction to prevent any further loss of the historic fabric of the area</p> <p>c) the suggestion of improving the pavements in Dour St, which I would take further to incorporate Park Place & Park Road</p> <p>d) the suggestion to replace the existing solid walls over the river with high quality railings to open up the vista</p>	Comments noted and welcomed
Ross Miller			e) finally I would suggest that where possible the commercial property owners should be incentivised to restore shop frontages & replace concrete tiles with slate all of which would vastly improve the context & feel of the area	There is currently no available funding.
ID 3914671			I am supportive of the Article 4 Direction for the area but unfortunately for Park Street it is about 25 years too late.	Text to photo has been altered to remove reference to windows/door.

			<p>Number 11 Park Street is highlighted in the appraisal as 'one of the few buildings retaining historic windows and entrance door'</p> <p>That was the case until around the time that the report was released when the windows and door were replaced with inappropriate PVC items by the owner of the property - Dover District Council Housing Department!</p>	<p>The Article 4 Direction will cover future changes and ensure that these are appropriate to the character of the area.</p>
Stephen Waring		No	<p>Yes. I agree with the application of an Article 4 direction. As well as letting owners/residents know what this entails (planning permission for a range of changes, including replacement of windows, doors, painting previously unpainted brickwork etc.) there should be encouragement for residents to replace newer uPVC doors and windows with appropriate alternatives, remove paint from painted brickwork, and replace front boundaries with (appropriately detailed) low walls and railings above and gates. DDC should also provide detailed examples (including drawings) of appropriate original detailing which could be used by owners looking to refurbish or undertake work on their properties.</p> <p>I believe extremely strongly that there should be encouragement, however, for all windows to be appropriately double-glazed, though done in a sympathetic way. There are now extremely good quality, and appropriate-looking double glazing systems in wooden framed windows.</p>	<p>An Article 4 Direction will explicitly set out the Permitted Development Rights that are subject to the Direction. Each application for planning permission would be considered on its own merits.</p>

			Some use 'Slimlite' or other proprietary branded slim, gas-filled double-glazing units which are endorsed by Historic England and have a look similar to single-glazed units. A hard approach to refusing double glazing in some conservation areas is unhelpful as we aim for more eco-friendly retrofitting of buildings.	
Stephen Waring			If there were a way DDC could financially incentivise such changes (which can be extremely expensive) that would be very helpful.	There is currently no available funding.
Stephen Waring			Planning permissions should not be unreasonably withheld for developments at the rear of properties - which are invisible to the street front. Such extensions, which make this type of property more useable for modern residents include infilling at ground level of side returns (with glazed roof lights etc), or ground level rear extensions with wide glazed openings. These represent the technology of today, which simply wasn't available at the time of original construction.	The Article 4 Direction covers only the front elevation or any elevation adjacent to a highway so would not include alterations to the rear.
Dan Kemsley	Local Government Authority	No I think the appraisal captures all of the necessary detail of items for consideration.	No - any recommendations which seek to preserve heritage and character should be fully endorsed.	Comments noted and welcomed
M White		The Appraisal doesn't pull any punches, but I am surprised that it seems to indicate that an area can be designated as a Conservation Area, yet have no		Dour Street Conservation Area is an existing designation.

		associated controls applied as to what happens within it. It appears pointless to be unable/unwilling to exercise any form of control over modifications and maintenance specifications. It might as well be deregistered as a Conservation Area, and let everyone do exactly as they please.		The Article 4 Direction is recommended in the appraisal specifically to provide a level of management which designation does not afford.
M White			I agree with all three recommendations and in particular that relating to Article 4 Direction.	Comments noted and welcomed
Alan Gibbs		I agree with the Appraisal.	I agree that DDC should pursue the Direction 4.	Comments noted and welcomed
Alan Gibbs			Also the council should try and make Dour Street a shared pedestrian and traffic area with additional landscaping features to enhance the visual appearance of the area.	Comment noted and text added: The potential to improve the public realm through creation of a pedestrian-led space with green landscaping was highlighted during the public consultation.
Alice Brockway	Historic England	We are especially pleased that this appraisal was written by members of the Dover Society and commend the Dover Society for undertaking this work. We think this is an excellent example of		Comments welcomed

		community led work around our important heritage.		
Alice Brockway	Historic England	For the Dour Street Conservation Area Appraisal, we think there could be opportunities to introduce additional mapping and particularly photographs, to enhance the appraisal, but we do not think this is essential and that the document could be adopted in its current form.		Comment noted.
Alice Brockway	Historic England		<p>If future appraisals, drafted by the Society, include a management plan, it may be helpful to acknowledge this in the title of the document though we note this is ultimately a decision for the Local Authority.</p> <p>We accept the management proposals for the Dour Street Conservation Area are reasonably limited given its size and likely threats and opportunities to the area.</p> <p>Depending on the resource available, an action plan can also be a useful to tool as an addendum to an appraisal and management plan. But we always suggest if used, that these are realistic in terms of what is achievable with the available resource.</p> <p>We also noted that when the Dover Society engaged the local community in the Dour</p>	Comments noted.

			Street Conservation Area, they did not receive many responses.	
Alice Brockway	Historic England		Finally, when producing a conservation area appraisal and management plan, it is important to refer to Local Plan Policies and National Policies where relevant.	<p>There are no heritage policies within current Core Strategy. Future appraisals will refer to the new Local Plan once adopted which does contain heritage policies.</p> <p>The NPPF is noted under section 1.2 but not the paragraph number: this is to future-proof against potential paragraph number changes.</p>